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SUBJ: GEN. AKUFFO DECLARES NEW REGIME WILL SIDE WITH
WEST

1. AT REQUEST OF CHIEF OF STATE AKUFFO, I MET ALONE
WITH HIM AND ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME
MILITARY COUNCIL IN HIS BURMA CAMP OFFICE SHORTLY
AFTER NOON TODAY. MY VISIT WAS ONE OF A SERIES
ARRANGED TODAY BY GEN. AKUFFO WITH HEADS OF ALL
WESTERN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN ACCRA.

2. GEN. AKUFFO SAID HE WANTED MY GOVERNMENT TO KNOW
THAT NEW GHANAIAAN ADMINISTRATION HAD DECIDED TO PUT
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SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON ITS RELATIONS WITH THE WEST AND,
IN PARTICULAR, WITH U.S. (AS AN ASIDE HE MENTIONED
THAT BLOC DIPLOMATS WOULD NOT BE CALLED IN UNTIL
TOMORROW. THIS WOULD BE A CLEAR SIGNAL OF THE CHOICE
NEW GOG HAD MADE.) THE GOG WAS DETERMINED TO TAKE
STEPS TO MEET PRESSING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACING THE
COUNTRY AND CLEARLY NEEDED HELP FROM ITS FRIENDS.

THE SMC DID NOT WANT THINGS TO REACH THE STAGE
THEY HAD IN ZAIRE. IT PLANNED TO APPROACH IMF
SOON FOR HELP AND HOPED U.S. AND OTHER GOOD FRIENDS
WOULD BACK ITS APPLICATION. IN ADDITION HE EARNESTLY
HOPED U.S. WOULD BE GENEROUS IN COMING TO GHANA'S AID
IN THIS PERIOD OF GREAT NEED. HE MENTIONED WITH
APPROVAL POSSIBLE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM PRIVATE
U.S. FIRMS AS DISCUSSED BY THE TEAM WHICH WAS RECENTLY
HERE (ACCRA 5185), BUT EMPHASIZED NEED FOR OFFICIAL
USG HELP AS WELL.

3. AT CONCLUSION OF AKUFFO'S STATEMENT, COMMISSIONER
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLI STATED THAT CHOICE BEING
MADE BY GOG WAS NOT WITHOUT DANGER IN AFRICA TODAY.
HE HOPED THAT IN ADDITION TO FINANCIAL AID, U.S. WOULD
STAND READY TO HELP WITH SECURITY ASSISTANCE SHOULD
THAT PROVE NECESSARY. FRIENDSHIP WAS A TWO WAY STREET
AND GHANA WOULD RELY ON ITS FRIENDS FOR HELP WHEN
NEEDED. GEN. AKUFFO NODDED APPROVAL OF FELLI'S WORDS.

4. IN REPLY I STATED THAT U.S. HAD BEEN A GOOD FRIEND
OF GHANA'S SINCE DAY OF INDEPENDENCE AND WOULD CONTINUE
TO BE IN THE FUTURE. WE HAD GIVEN MUCH ASSISTANCE IN THE
PAST TO HELP IN GHANA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
WERE DOING SO RIGHT NOW AND WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO IN THE
FUTURE. AS REQUESTED, I WOULD IMMEDIATELY TRANSMIT
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GEN. AKUFFO'S WORDS TO MY GOVERNMENT, AND
WE WOULD WATCH CLOSELY AS THE GOG ATTEMPTED TO SOLVE
ITS SERIOUD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.
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